

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

A03-0604

In re Court Security – Weapons Policy

ORDER

In accordance with Articles I, III, and VI of the Minnesota Constitution, the undersigned determines that the safety and security of those involved in or attendant to the orderly administration of justice requires the prohibition of firearms and other weapons within facilities where official court business is conducted.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. No weapons are allowed in the Minnesota Judicial Center, in the Supreme Court Courtroom and Conference Room in the State Capitol, or in other facilities used for the official business of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals.
2. This order does not apply to licensed peace officers or federally-authorized law enforcement agents when present in a court facility in the course of their official duties, if they are authorized by law to carry weapons. The Chief Justice may authorize additional exceptions where necessary in the interests of safety and security in the administration of justice.
3. Notice shall be posted that “No weapons are permitted in this court facility, including firearms for which a permit has been issued.”
4. In addition to applicable penalties provided by statute, persons in violation of this order may be held in contempt of court.

DATED: June 2, 2003

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Kathleen A. Blatz
Chief Justice